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DRAFT REPLY

Dear Dr. Chelala:

The Vice President has asked me to respond to your letter of October 3 in which you expressed your interest in the case of Miguel Angel Estrella, a prisoner in Uruguay.

The Department of State has confirmed that Mr. Estrella is being held by Uruguayan authorities under their security laws for his alleged involvement in Uruguay with the activities of the Argentine-based Montonero movement. I understand that Mr. Estrella is in good health and Uruguayan authorities allowed him access to a mute piano, an exception to normal prison regulations, so that he may practice.

Uruguayan authorities at many levels are fully aware of the interest in this case abroad. The United States Ambassador to Uruguay, Lawrence H. Pezzullo, has expressed this interest to the appropriate authorities as have senior officials of the Department of State in Washington.

In order to receive the most current reply on the Estrella case you may write directly to the Oficina Central de Informacion de Personas (OCIP) in Montevideo, Uruguay. The OCIP has been charged with

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responding in a timely and complete manner to private inquiries concerning individuals imprisoned in Uruguay. The decree establishing the OCIP requires all public organizations in Uruguay to provide maximum cooperation with the OCIP's work. You may write the OCIP in care of Cnel. Carlos A. Maynard, Director, Oficina Central de Informacion de Personas, Calle Uruguay 972, Montevideo, Uruguay.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,